

**Motion to Amend Anselm Presbytery Book of Procedures and to recommend
adoption of the amendment by the CREC Council at the next stated meeting of
Council**

Proposing Body

Covenant Bible Church, Chugiak, Alaska

Purpose and Need

Article IV of the CREC Council Book of Procedures describes a mechanism for presbytery to maintain a list of “formally recognized” ministers within the CREC.

Since all ministers in the CREC are required to be members of their local congregations unless granted a temporary dispensation by an annual vote of presbytery, CREC presbyteries do not “hold” credentials in the same manner as other Presbyterian denominations. The list maintained by the Minister of presbytery is, therefore, merely a means by which the credentials of ministers within the CREC can be made known to inquiring bodies outside the CREC. In actuality, all ministerial credentials in the CREC are held by local Sessions, not by the broader assemblies.

The situation has arisen within at least one CREC member church in which the Session wishes to hold the credentials of one or more previously ordained ministers who are not presently “duly installed” as required under Article IV of the Book of Procedures. Under the current language of Article IV, the Minister of presbytery *may not* include the names of such men on his list of “recognized ordained ministers in the CREC.”

Proposed Amendment

Article IV of the Anselm Book of Procedures is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Upon receipt of a written request from the Session of a CREC member church, the Minister shall add to the list of recognized ordained men a lawfully ordained minister who is a member of that local church, but who is not currently installed as an officer in that church. Such action by the Minister shall be subject to ratification at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.

Motion

Be it moved that the language presented above be adopted as part of the Anselm Presbytery Book of Procedures and that it be forwarded to Council for consideration and adoption into the CREC Council Book of Procedures at the next stated meeting of Church Council, in 2011.